



Weekly Field Memo – July 23, 2014

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Legislative Requirement: New Universal Recycling Law

Audience: Business/Operations Managers, Food Service Managers, Facility Managers

Deadline: Webinar held **Sept. 10, 2014**

Vermont's Universal Recycling law (Act 148) is designed to increase waste diversion by instituting phased-in bans on recyclables, food scraps, and yard debris from landfills. This webinar will cover the key features of the Universal Recycling law, including when your school might need to comply, how to comply, and what haulers and schools are currently available to help you comply with the law. The webinar will specifically focus on food scrap management through reduction, recovery, and organics recycling or composting. To register for the webinar, go to

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8178598855773013506>.

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Update: Proficiency-based Graduation Requirements

Audience: All

The Agency of Education is finalizing a set of guidance documents to support the development and implementation of proficiency-based graduation requirements (PBGRs), statewide. The Vermont Education Quality Standards (EQS) requires that student proficiency against seven curriculum content areas is assessed, as a condition of graduation from high school. There are multiple ways for schools to meet this requirement. As a part of supporting EQS compliance, the AOE, with the assistance of Vermont educators and the Great Schools Partnership, has developed sample graduation proficiencies that schools can adopt, or that can serve as an example of an approach to local-level graduation requirement development. To read the complete update, please click [here](#).

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Reminder: Accountability Determinations (AYP) Advisory

Audience: Superintendents, Principals, Curriculum Coordinators

Date of Advisory: **August 6, 2014**

The official release of AYP results will occur on **August 6, 2014** and schools will receive their Secretary's Required Actions shortly thereafter. After the release of AYP designations, School Effectiveness Coordinators will contact their assigned schools to provide information and support. We look forward to working with you next year.

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Common Core State Standards (CCSS) Resources

Audience: All

Check out our Common Core page: <http://bit.ly/1m9D7b4>; resources are added regularly. [Click here](#) to learn more about CCSS ELA and [click here](#) to learn more about CCSS Mathematics.

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Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): Weekly FAQ

Audience: All

What is Science and Engineering Practice #6: Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions?

Click [here](#) to see the answer. [Click here](#) to access the science standards.

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